

WASHINGTON - Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) today announced that the City of Mountain Brook has been awarded a \$4.37 million federal grant for a major flood control project.

The grant from the Department of Homeland Security is part of an overall \$10 million project to upgrade the Watkins Brook storm drainage system.

Congressman Bachus said, "This project will protect the citizens of Mountain Brook and major attractions in the area from flooding caused by severe storms. The current storm drainage system is inadequate and a major upgrade is sorely needed. Mountain Brook is to be commended for developing this solution and it was a pleasure to work with Mayor Oden and the community to obtain this funding."

Mountain Brook Mayor Terry Oden said, "This is absolutely wonderful news. This has been a long time coming, but has been well worth the wait. This will go a long way towards solving the flood problems at the Birmingham Zoo, the Botanical Gardens, and in Mountain Brook Village. My thanks go to Congressman Bachus for his immeasurable assistance in obtaining these funds."

The federal funding is being provided under DHS' Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program. Under program guidelines, the federal share of the project is 43% and the non-federal share is 57%.